

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

THE DEADLOCK IS BROKEN IN THE HOUSE.

The Resolution to Change the Rules Re-committed by a Vote of 120 to 117--The Eastern Branch Bridge Bill Presented in the Senate.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Faulkner presented the petition of James L. Barbour and 1,000 other citizens, praying for the passage of the bill providing for a bridge across the Eastern Branch from the foot of South Capitol street to Giesboro.

The bill was passed providing that in cases where a two-cent stamp is omitted from a letter bearing a special-delivery stamp the letter shall be delivered.

A resolution was agreed to calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a copy of the manuscript report upon fraud in sugar at New York and Philadelphia, also to comply with the resolution of March 1, relative to the evasion of sugar duties in New York.

Mr. Sherman, by request, introduced a bill changing the modes of electing Congressmen.

Mr. Riddleberger presented a resolution of the State of Virginia demanding that agriculture be protected by a tariff and that a bounty of 55 per cent. be paid upon all agricultural exports.

The tariff bill was then called up.

Afternoon session was consumed in consideration of the tariff.

HOUSE.

The Secretary of the Treasury submitted to the House to-day an estimate of appropriation for a fog signal on Mount Desert Rock, Maine.

Also an estimate of an appropriation of \$65,000 for a lighthouse tender for the Ninth and Eleventh districts.

Also an estimate for a lighthouse on the St. Croix River, Maine.

The Secretary of the Interior submitted a recommendation from Indian Commissioner Enright, of an appropriation of \$12,000 for the support of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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The Commissioner of Agriculture submitted a report of the expenditures in his Department for the fiscal year.

Mr. Compton presented the petition of Harriet M. Herick, praying for the passage of a bill enabling her to convey the title to a lot in square 509, in Washington, without the signature of her husband, who she says has been absent for a year and his whereabouts unknown.

The resolution from the Committee on Rules then came up and the previous question on the passage of the resolution ordered. Pending this a motion was made to recommit the resolution, which was agreed to by a vote of 120 to 117.

The Committee on Printing claimed the floor for an hour under special order set for this day, and proceeded to call up bills making provision for the printing of the House and Senate.

The Senate in Secret Session.

In the secret session of the Senate yesterday afternoon there was a long and animated discussion of Mr. Edmunds' resolution opposing the interference of any foreign Government with the Panama Canal.

The Senate closed its doors because of the presence in the galleries of the members of several of the foreign legations, and because of the announcement in the papers yesterday morning, without the medium of a cablegram from Paris, that the French people did not like the attitude of the United States.

The discussion of the resolution had but just begun, when Mr. Edmunds, observing the presence of the foreign legations, moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the question in secret session.

The motion was carried and for five hours the members of the Senate discussed the question in secret session.

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NEWMAN AND HIS TEARS.

THE TELEGRAM ON WHICH HE SPECULATED.

How He Tried to Raise the Wind Over the Sorrowful Tidings of the Death of His Child.

The trial of Marion D. Newman, who has gained such extensive reputation by his inroads in the hearts of ladies, was tried to-day in the Criminal Court charged with an embezzlement on men's pocketbooks.

The indictment charges that he obtained \$100 from the Baltimore Life Insurance Company on the false pretense that his daughter was dead.

Under the name of G. W. St. Clair, a Lipscomb appeared for the Government and Campbell Carrington for the defendant.

Oscar F. Breese of the firm of Breese & Sons of Baltimore was the first witness called, and stated that Newman, under the name of G. W. St. Clair, was employed as a solicitor in Washington to life insurance.

The agreement was for three months, commencing September 1, 1888. A letter dated October 18 was produced in court in which St. Clair acknowledged the receipt of a check for \$100, and said that his daughter was very low and that her death was expected.

The next morning Mr. Breese said a telegram was received bringing the news that St. Clair's daughter was dead, and that he had paid him \$100.

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ANOTHER SURPRISE.

The Sub-Division of Twining City Claimed to be Illegal.

It came to light at the Commissioners' office to-day that Twining City, the new subdivision on the left bank of the Eastern Branch, on a line with the proposed extension of Pennsylvania avenue, is in the same difficulty as West Brookland.

Twining City was subdivided and platted last summer and about 200 building lots were sold at good prices, and it was believed at the time the lots were sold that the subdivision had been or would be recorded.

Messrs. Richard Smith and Charles Elliott, the trustees of the estate, called on Captain Symons to-day and urged that he approve the subdivision.

He said that the streets are not in alignment with the city streets, and the subdivision, according to the act of August 27 last, is not one that can be recorded.

This subdivision is owned by the Naylor estate, and contains about fifty acres. The plat of this new suburb was printed in *The Evening Star* some months ago, showing its many advantages.

This discovery will cause quite a sensation among the purchasers of lots, as the avenues and streets on the map have no official existence.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Mr. C. B. Hemingway, in a letter to the Commissioners in relation to the proposed revision of the assessment laws, says that "as a citizen and a victim of the incongruity of that system" he wishes to call attention to certain facts.

He states that a certain piece of real estate recently purchased by him, assessed at double what it cost him. He appeared before the late board of equalization and made oath to the facts and only succeeded in getting it reduced to about double what it should have been.

He says: "I suggest that the work of assessment be left entirely to the assessor, and that the board of equalization be abolished, and that the assessor be made a permanent board of assessors. Appeals from the acts of the assessor should be made to the assessor, who shall decide those appeals. With the ultimate responsibility thus placed on one official, he could be removed by the appointing power whenever his incompetency or misconduct was shown by his record. In such circumstances, it is probable there would be but few occasions for citizens to appeal to the courts. I also suggest that the assessments be made annually or biennially, instead of triennially."

There is a bill in Congress to prevent the erection of tenement houses in alleys. The Commissioners will recommend that in lieu of the bill that the building regulations be changed so as to prevent the erection of tenement houses in alleys that are not paved, sewer and supplied with Potomac water.

Charles H. Bowen, M. D., has suggested to the Commissioners that Mount Vernon Square be changed to a circle. He says a circle at this point would be more appreciated by the people living in the West End than the present square.

The railroad tracks crossing Seventh and K and Ninth and K streets are the cause of much trouble to the residents of the West End.

The application of Robert C. Holtzman for a barroom license, at 1412 New York avenue, was reconsidered and approved by the Commissioners to-day.

C. H. Gladden has been granted a permit to erect a dwelling, 309 E street, to cost \$2,500.

THE PILOTS' ASSOCIATION.

A Conference This Afternoon to Discuss Their Affairs.

The sixth annual convention of the American Pilots' Association was held at the Harris House this afternoon. President Captain Henry Harbison presided.

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DISCUSSING LOCAL EVILS.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT W. C. T. U.

The Memorial Favoring the Sunday Rest Bill Indorsed--Reports Read--The New Officers of the Association.

The ladies of the District W. C. T. U. held their quarterly meeting in Wesley Chapel this morning. A score or two of earnest workers were present when Mrs. Judge Clark began the session after an opening prayer by Rev. Dr. Wright.

Reading of a chapter from the Bible. At one side of the platform was a table covered with temperance literature of various sorts, and Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Drake presided over the table.

Mrs. Shelton, the secretary, sat at one side of the speaker's desk.

After Mrs. Clark finished reading, Mrs. Dean led in an earnest good-hearted, motherly prayer, for strength to put down the rum traffic, and Rev. Dr. Wright spoke a few words of welcome and encouragement in their good work to the ladies.

Mrs. La Fetra, the president, then made a short address and the roll call showed that there were thirty-one members present.

Mrs. Shelton then read the minutes of the last meeting and also the proceedings of the Executive Committee's meeting.

The Executive Committee adopted a protest to the President against the custom of having wines at the inauguration ball, and at its meeting this morning the Union earnestly ratified the committee's action.

Mrs. Wrightman read the report of the work among soldiers and sailors and it showed a most profitable quarter's work. One of the things Mrs. Wrightman was most proud of was that General Schofield's promise had been gained, that there shall be no saloons at the Soldier's Home.

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